(b) The helicopter had flown 66.25 hours by 7th March, 1987. The wet-lease charges for this helicopter upto February, 1987 come to Rs. 19,54,935 approximately.

Duty free shops at International Airports in the country

2602. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up duty free shops at the international airport terminals in the country;

(b) whether the proposals have not been accepted by the Ministry of Finance;

(c) if so, what were the main objections raised by the Ministry of Finance in setting up duty free shops at international airport terminals in the country; and

(d) whether final decision has been taken in this regard; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Improvement in telephone service

2503. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Seventh Five Year Plan for Communication is yet to be finalised and if so, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(b) whether the Seventh Five Year Plan for Communication will ensure that telephone service is improved since we are using the best technology and machines leaving manpower to be improved through training and motivation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission has allocated Rs. 4010 crores for telecom. services for the 7th Plan based on which the plan describing physical targets has been finalised. The use of modern technology and programmes such as replacement of life expired equipment, ducting for cables etc are expected to improve the services to the extent feasible in this limited allocation.

Conference of telecommunications mission

2504. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will he Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a conference on the telecommunication mission was held in New Delhi recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the conference arrived at the conclusion that the tele-communication system in the country is poorly maintained and is most unreliable, and

(c) if so, what steps the conference has proposed to streamline the telecommunication system in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. A National Conference of Telecommunication Mission was held at New Delhi on 3rd and 4th February, 1987.

(b) and (c) The discussion in the conference was mainly aimed at